

MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2 ACTION MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 BOARD SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON, JULY 6, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M., OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE TOWN OF FLORENCE COUNCIL MEETING, IN THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 775 N. MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.

SPECIAL NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS

Due to the risks to public health caused by the possible spread of the COVID-19 virus at public gatherings, the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 Board has determined that public meetings will be indefinitely held through technological means. Meetings will be open to the public through technological means. In reliance on, and in compliance with, the March 13, 2020 Opinion issued by Attorney General Mark Brnovich, and in conjunction with the Emergency Proclamation signed by Chairman Tara Walter, on March 18, 2020. The Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 Board provides this special advance notice of the technological means through which public meetings may be accessed. While this special notice is in effect, public comment at meetings will only be accepted through written submissions, which may or may not be read aloud during meetings.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Tara Walter, John Anderson, Karen Wall, Kristen Larsen, Michelle Cordes,
Judy Hughes

NEW BUSINESS

Public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the property tax levy of the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2; and first reading of Ordinance No. MRCFD2 217-20.

Chairman Walter read Ordinance No. MRCFD2 217-20 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2, TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, LEVYING THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT SUBJECT TO TAXATION OF CERTAIN SUM UPON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100) OF VALUATION SUFFICIENT TO RAISE THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED TO BE RECEIVED FROM FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2021.

Ms. Jimenez stated that the estimates for debt service and maintenance and operations have been set forth. The rate for debt service (Debt Service Fund) for General Obligation Bonds (GO) is \$3.25 per Net Assessed Valuation (NAV), or an estimated \$767,514. The rate for the operations and maintenance (Administrative Fund) is \$0.30 per NAV, or an estimated \$70,847. The total levy is for \$838,361 at a rate of \$3.55 per \$100 NAV.

Ms. Jimenez stated that they no longer have excess funds to pay for the debt service as the Board is adhering to the State limitations. The exact amount that is needed to pay for the debt service is what is levied.

Chairman Walter opened the public hearing.

Boardmember Cordes stated that she is not in favor of raising the taxes and does not agree with the increase.

Chairman Walter stated no one is in favor of increasing taxes. In the past. It has been \$3.25 per \$100 NAV.

Ms. Jimenez stated that the GO levy and Admin levy have not changed in Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 over the past years.

Chairman Walter stated, if this item is not passed, there will not been enough funds in which to make their payments which is the Board's legal obligation.

Vice-Chairman Anderson inquired if this is a tax increase.

Ms. Jimenez stated that there is no increase; they are at their maximum amount to levy.

Chairman Walter closed the public hearing.

Public hearing to receive citizens' comments on the proposed final budget for Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2; and possible adoption of Resolution No. MRCFD2 241-20.

Chairman Walter read Resolution No. MRCFD2 241-20 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF MERRILL RANCH COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NO. 2, TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.

Ms. Jimenez stated that the proposed budget that has been set forth is comprised of four different funds: capital outlay, assessment debt service, GO Debt Service, and Administrative Debt Service Fund. She has budgeted for the possibility of issuing bonds this fiscal year. The total budget for MRCFD No. 2 is \$4,493,792.

Chairman Walter opened the public hearing.

Mr. Gordan Lieman, Florence Resident, inquired what the previous rates were.

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Ms. Jimenez stated that it has been \$3.25 per \$100 NAV on the GO levy and \$0.30 on the Admin levy.

Chairman Walter closed the public hearing.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Boardmember Larsen, and carried (5: Walter, Anderson, Wall, Larsen, Hughes: 1: Cordes) to adopt Resolution No. MRCFD2 241-20.

Discussion/Approval/Disapproval of the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 June 15, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Boardmember Cordes, and carried (6-0) to approve the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 June 15, 2020 Special Meeting minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

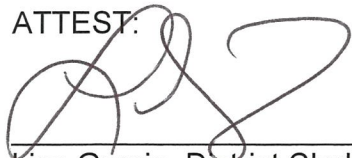
The Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 (MRCFD2) Board may go into Executive Session at any time during the meeting for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the District's Attorney(s) on any of the agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3). One or more members of MRCFD2 Board may appear for part or all of the meeting including Executive Session telephonically.

On motion of Vice-Chairman Anderson, seconded by Boardmember Cordes and carried (6-0) to adjourn the meeting.



Tara Walter, Chairman

ATTEST:



Lisa Garcia, District Clerk

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Merrill Ranch Community Facilities District No. 2 meeting held on July 6 2020 and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, District Clerk

